



BSO SEEK HELP IN IDENTIFYING SPECIAL NEEDS RESIDENTS IN TOWN

The **Town of Lauderdale-By-The-Sea** and the **Broward Sheriff's Office** is seeking the help of its citizens to identify residents with special needs who may need routine assistance or when a hurricane threatens to strike South Florida.

BSO Chief Scott Gooding said a special needs resident could include a senior or other Town resident with no immediate family members living in the area who:

- Has trouble walking or uses a wheelchair.
- Needs a minor home repair they cannot complete themselves
- Transportation to a doctor.
- Housekeeping or personal care assistance.
- Legal aid or other assistance.

There are a number of area programs, such as BSO's **Elder Link**, which are designed to help local residents with transportation, social and other needs.

If a hurricane threatens South Florida, all residents in Town will be advised to evacuate. Residents with special needs face an even greater risk of injury.

Since it is unlikely a resident who needs assistance will contact the Sheriff's Office, Gooding asks any resident who knows someone in need to contact BSO.

You can call BSO's office in Town at **954-491-3920**.

You can also e-mail **Sgt. Thomas Palmer** at **Thomas_Palmer@sheriff.org**.